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## Defense Corps To Join With Others In Salvage Drive

The protective branch of Civilian Defense has been asked to assist the non-protective branch in putting Pennsylvania's current Victory Scrap Drive over the top.

Wardens, Auxiliary Police and Firemen, Messengers and Fire Guards were singled out particularly in an appeal by SCD Director Hutchison to aid in collecting the State's quota of 240,000 tons of scrap iron and steel before Nov. 15.

With newspapers, schools and other agencies pledging their support to the SCD Advisory Salvage Committee, the current drive is reaching the proportions of last fall's campaign in which this State led the entire nation in collections.

A special committee named by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association to co-operate in the drive is made up of William R. Lynett, **Scranton**; Oliver J. Keller, **Pittsburgh**; David S. Loeb, **Philadelphia**; H. E. Trout, **Manheim**; and J. H. Zerbey, II, **Pottsville**.

The urgent need of scrap for our steel mills was emphasized by Herbert M. Faust, new WPB Salvage Director, at the state-wide salvage meeting in **Harrisburg** last week. Paper and tin can needs were stressed also.

## Shows War Films to 36,750 Persons

Exactly 151 evenings during the past 19 months have been given over by Ira Laird, **Harrisburg** insurance man, to the showing of films, at his own expense and with his own equipment, for **Harrisburg-Dauphin** County Council of Defense.

In his remarkable span of volunteer service, Laird has exhibited 30 different films, all on war subjects, before an aggregate audience of 36,750 persons. His busiest month was Oct. 1942, when he appeared at 24 meetings.

The audiences included both C. D. training classes and school and club groups.



Weston Bayley, Philadelphia broker, has been named Director of War Services for the city's Council of Defense. He also is chairman of C. D. V. O. and Emergency Medical Service.

## C. of C. Examines Absenteeism Plan

Copies of Pennsylvania's new 11-point program for reduction of absenteeism, announced by the SCD this month, have been obtained by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce for possible use throughout the country.

The program, drawn up by Norman Howard on the basis of studies he made for the State Council, was sent to 940 war industries in Pennsylvania this month by Mrs. Worthington Scranton, SCD Commander of War Services.

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## NO LET UP IN CIVILIAN DEFENSE 'TIL VICTORY, STATE LEADERS TOLD

Emphatic assurance that the new blackout policy announced by the State Council of Defense does not mean a cessation of practice alerts or a deemphasis of air raid protection was given at the state-wide Civilian Defense meetings in the Capitol last Wednesday.

Both Governor Martin and SCD Director Hutchison warned that we are still in danger of at least token bombings and reminded more than 500 leaders present that Civilian Defense must be kept at full strength.

### Our Answer

"I think our attendance today, the aggressive spirit, and the plans we have made," said Dr. Hutchison, "is Pennsylvania's answer in regard to preparedness."

"However we may change our strategy from time to time, Civilian Defense in Pennsylvania is not folding up or closing out until Mr. Hitler and Mr. Tojo have folded up. Not until then will we think of demobilizing our protective forces."

### No Time To Quit

The Governor, in the major speech of the day, presented at the afternoon general session in the Hall of the House of Representatives, declared that to abandon Civilian Defense now would be to invite "another Pearl Harbor."

He added that many forms of

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### EXCERPTS FROM GOVERNOR'S TALK

We lost sixty Flying Fortresses and more than 500 trained fliers in one single mighty raid over Europe last week. Our men are dying along the Volturno and around Japanese bases in the Pacific. These are merely incidents in the global war we are fighting.

We must be ready to face new weapons, new methods and sudden surprises at any hour.

Dangers of attack upon the American mainland have not wholly disappeared. They might not be heavy. They might not be sustained—but danger still exists. Any home front American who feels this is the time to hang up his warden's helmet and forget about Civilian Defense is inviting another Pearl Harbor.

True, the High Command has curtailed the Aircraft Warning Service. (But) the Army did not announce that it was giving up responsibility for detecting enemy aircraft and warning the public. What it did announce, in effect, was that its stronger air patrols and its Radar detection methods now make it no longer necessary for hundreds of thousands of volunteers to stand watch around the clock in outdoor observation posts.

If enemy planes do strike you can be sure the Army will flash us the warning.

The decision of the State Council of Defense to have no more practice air raids and

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## Garden Goal Is Attained

Although no complete survey is possible, Mrs. H. B. Eliason, SCD Victory Garden Chairman, estimates that Pennsylvania has attained its 1943 goal of 1,400,000 Victory Gardens.

"There is not time in these busy war days to conduct a county by county census of gardens," said Mrs. Eliason. "But seed sales, which have doubled in many towns, and general reports from all areas indicate that our goal has been reached."

Citing her visits through the State, Mrs. Eliason said there was good evidence that the total gardening had nearly doubled over 1942, considering both the number of plots and the increased size of old gardens. The estimated number of gardens in 1942 was 750,000.

Mrs. Eliason said the canning program had also been successful. She recommended continued canning of applesauce and commented that carrots and beets can still be pulled until the ground is frozen hard.

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### EXCERPTS

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blackouts until further notice should not hurt morale. The Army can order a practice at any time. Actually the public is well drilled in its air raid duties. . . . However, the monthly mobilizations of our 625,000 Corps members must be carried on. These are the field maneuvers of our civilian army. We should fully maintain our Air Raid Protection program.

We must not eliminate our Control Centers. They should be the very last elements of Civilian Defense to go. They are both the heart and the brain of the Corps. It cannot exist without them. They are readily adaptable to use by the Governor's Disaster Committee, by the State Police, the Red Cross or the Department of Military Affairs.

Serious consideration ought to be given to the retention of these centers after the war.

The great Civilian Defense Army in Pennsylvania, with its more than one million and a half volunteers in both protective and nonprotective activities, must be the backbone of morale in this Arsenal State. . . . It is helping in ways innumerable to win this war that is far from being won. It is reducing hazards that exist in all plants, on all farms, on all highways, and even in our own homes. These and a thousand other forms of Civilian Defense service should be maintained until the end of the war, and thereafter.

War Service branches of Civilian Defense must be

pushed vigorously. We must not let the current drive for Victory Scrap fail. It is a vital undertaking. Our output of ships, tanks and guns depends upon it. We must not forget Child Care, Food Production, Food Conservation, Consumer Activities and the many volunteer programs that must be stepped up to meet the growing tempo of our military offensives.

## NOV. DEADLINE FOR EQUIPMENT FORMS

Nov. 1 has been set as the deadline for return of shipping forms for Federal equipment allocated to certain Pennsylvania communities by the OCD.

The over-due forms should be submitted to Major Lewis V. B. Kreh, Third Civilian Defense Region, Baltimore, according to Charles E. Clark, property officer for the State Council.

Clark reported that more than 190,000 four-gallon pump tank extinguishers and 215,000 helmets have been distributed by OCD to priority areas in this State, in addition to other items. A supplemental allotment of 40 helmets for each county is being distributed for use in county control centers.

## CITIES OPEN DRIVE FOR NURSES' AIDES

Special Civilian Defense recruiting drives for Nurses' Aides are underway in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, reports Mrs. Walter Spofford, SCD Director of Special Activities. In Philadelphia the goal is 2,000 recruits, mainly for daytime duty.

Similar efforts are not needed in all areas, but they will be encouraged wherever there is a need and adequate training facilities, Mrs. Spofford said. One out of every five active nurses in the nation will be needed by the armed forces by the end of 1943, according to Miss Cecile Kennedy, Red Cross liaison representative.

## NORTHAMPTON MEN AT RESCUE SQUAD SCHOOL

Five Pennsylvanians were among the 68 men from 22 states who attended a ten-day Rescue Squad training school sponsored by OCD this month at the Bureau of Mines in Pittsburgh.

Theodore Whitesell, chief of Northampton County Rescue Squads, lectured at the school and directed an exhibition by ten of his men who had appeared last April at an SCD meeting in Harrisburg.

## BIG DAY'S WORK

A one-day blood donor campaign conducted by Civilian Defense workers in Air Raid Zones 40 and 41 in Philadelphia netted the Red Cross 624 pints of blood.

The campaign was sponsored by Mrs. Winifred O'Dell, captain of Service Wardens, and Mrs. Warren Childs, chairman of the Roxborough C. D. V. O. Private cars were used to take donors to and from the Red Cross headquarters.

## 31 Counties Draft Evacuation Plans

Thirty-one counties have been asked by the SCD State Evacuation Authority to submit plans for reception and care of a set quota of evacuees in the event a "selective evacuation" should be ordered.

The counties named are located near the four target areas of the State. Their reception plans are to cover debarkation, reception, distribution and transportation.

When the county reports are received they will be incorporated in a general Pennsylvania evacuation plan which is to be sent to the Third Service Command, said James A. Kell, State Evacuation Director and Secretary of Forests and Waters.

## ENTERS SERVICE

Inspector John J. Knecht, deputy chief Air Raid Warden in Philadelphia, has gone to Fort Custer, Mich., for training as a member of the Army's military government branch.

## 34 COUNTIES NAME TRANSPORT CHIEFS

Appointments of Transport and Traffic Control Officers have been reported to the SCD by 34 County Councils of Defense.

Counties with one person filling both offices are:

Allegheny, Edward McCrady, Jr.; Beaver, Clifton E. Rodgers; Bedford, Clarence Pyle; Cameron, Fred Williams; Clarion, Fred W. Miller; Columbia, John K. Jacoby; Dauphin, Claude C. Merrill; Delaware, Edward Curran; Elk, Harry P. Anderson; Fayette, James H. Dunn; Huntingdon, William Rohm.

Juniata, J. Harold Zock; Lancaster, David R. Baker; Lebanon, William Hassler; Lehigh, Leonard Buck; McKean, Harry G. Garvin; Mercer, Miss Mary Stockton; Montour, John K. Jacoby; Northampton, R. Clayton Horton; Philadelphia, Robert A. Mitchell; Schuylkill, Henry Ost; Somerset, Oscar Reitz; Warren, Clifford Johnson.

Persons named as Traffic Control Officer only were:

Armstrong, O. N. Ritzman; Berks, George Ermentrout; Crawford, Robert Chase; Pike, Lawrence Hittinger; Venango, Frank Bayless.

Persons named as Transport Officer only were:

Armstrong, A. B. Eadie; Berks, J. P. Costello; Bucks, Earle K. Bergey; Chester, A. Duile Pyle; Crawford, Wesley Long; Lackawanna, Frank Gilday; Lawrence, B. N. Hanlon; Luzerne, Stanley B. Janowski; Pike, Robert G. Higham; York, George W. Forrest.

## WAR FUND ASSISTED BY SPEAKERS BUREAU

Setting the pace for similar action by county and local units, the SCD Speakers Bureau has obtained three outstanding speakers for the Community Chest and War Fund Drive in Harrisburg.

Speakers obtained for Harrisburg were Miss Me Tsung Kaung, daughter of a Chinese Bishop; Lt. Kazimirski, Polish writer and soldier; and Dr. Tsai-ya Chow, Chinese lawyer.



Ed E. Schaeffer (left) is Chairman of Armstrong County Council of Defense and also a County Commissioner and President of Armstrong County Hospital Board. A. L. Gillette (right) is Chairman of Venango County Council of Defense and Grand Chef de Train of the 40 and 8 of Pennsylvania. He is Sales Estimator for the National Pump & Machine Co., Oil City.



## 3 Plants Receive Security Awards

Pennsylvania was honored this month when three of its war plants were designated among the first four plants in the country to receive the OCD National Security Award.

Major Gen. U. S. Grant, III, Chief of the OCD Protection Branch, presented the Awards at ceremonies on Oct. 5 at Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., East Pittsburgh, and Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., Dravosburg, and on Oct. 9, at Bethlehem Steel Corp., Bethlehem.

Speaking at the Pittsburgh area ceremonies, SCD Director Hutchison commended the plant workers and declared their achievement was "evidence that you intend to continue in this fight and do your part until this war is won."

He said the serious question facing America now is whether we will "take it easy just because we have had a few victories." Plant protection, he added, is an expression of the concern of democracy for the welfare of each individual person in contrast to totalitarianism, which holds that the individual is nothing.

The National Security Award is a certificate of merit recognizing superior programs for protection of employes and plant facilities against sabotage, air raid, fire and accident.

A number of additional Pennsylvania plants are now being considered for the Award by the OCD. Nominations from local Councils will be forwarded by the SCD to the National office for decision.

### SUB-CENTERS OPENED IN DELAWARE COUNTY

Five Sub-Control Centers have been established in Delaware County to decentralize county control and relieve the County Control Center of some of the burden of servicing 47 local Control Centers.

The sub-centers are located in Chester, Upper Darby, Haverford Twp., Ridley Park, and Sharon Hill. Each serves as a coordinating center for its area.

### MORALE IS HIGH

Allied military successes have strengthened, rather than weakened, the determination of Air Raid Wardens in Allegheny County to do a good job on the home front.

Fewer wardens are resigning now than six months ago, reported Ross L. Leffler, county chairman.



View of speakers platform at National Security Award ceremonies at Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. Gen. Grant is seated second from left and SCD Director Hutchison is fifth from left. At microphone is Mary Martha Briney, radio singing star.

## News From Local Councils

**CASUALTY:** Burgess B. I. Evans, Defense Council chairman in Spring City, received a leg gash when he fell over a bicycle while rushing to the control center in the Sept. 27 blackout . . . An Emergency Medical worker gave him first aid treatment.

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**PUMP TANKS:** Thousands of four-gallon OCD extinguishers have been placed at accessible points in target areas of the State for use by Fire Guards . . . Scranton has an average of two extinguishers per block, Wilkes-Barre has distributed a whole freight car load, Warren has allotted 20 units to each air raid post, and York is recruiting 6,000 Fire Guards to man one extinguisher per block.

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**DAWN PATROL:** Regular dusk-to-dawn street patrols have been started by Philadelphia's 15,000 Auxiliary Police, working in conjunction with the regular police force . . . Their job is to break up a serious wave of street attacks.

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**PERFECT:** The Monday 12 to 3 P. M. shift at Hazleton's control center has a 100 per cent attendance record for the past 15 weeks . . . Out of 375 telephonists comprising all the shifts, 11.2 per cent earned perfect attendance records.

**APPOINTED:** Robert F. Miller, Tamaqua, has been named Salvage Chairman for Schuylkill County, with Mrs. Martha S. Haley, Pottsville, as vice-chairman . . . In Scranton, Willard Jones has been appointed CDC Commander, succeeding Capt. George Davis.

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**FINAL EXAM:** Twenty new Auxiliary Firemen in Danville were put through their final paces by fighting a simulated fire with regular firemen . . . Five streams were playing on the "fire" within seven minutes after the alarm.

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**VICTORY GARDENS:** The value of garden crops grown in Westmoreland County is estimated by Victory Garden Chairman W. L. Treager at one million dollars, making the program a "tremendous" success.

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**SPECIAL DUTY:** Air Raid Wardens under Zone Warden John Pokorney and Auxiliary Police under Gene Dulaney patrolled the grounds at the Allentown Fair Sept. 20 to 25.

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**ODDS AND ENDS:** Four new air raid sirens have been put in operation at Titusville . . . Seven heavy-duty Rescue Squads have been trained in Crawford County . . . Nurses' Aide caps were awarded to 46 new graduates at Wilkes-Barre.

### MISS ANTHONY ON CHILD CARE STAFF

Miss Kathryn M. Anthony, of Philadelphia, has been appointed by the SCD as Child Care consultant for eastern Pennsylvania, replacing Miss Clara M. Allen, who resigned.

Meanwhile, the opening of three new Child Care Centers was reported by Mrs. Benjamin Ludlow, SCD Director of Child Care. This raises the State's total to 23.

Two of the new Centers, one in the Ross St. Methodist Church, Lancaster, and the other at Meadville, were furnished with equipment by the State.

### FIRST REAL ALERT FINDS STATE READY

Pennsylvania's first real air raid alert of the war sent eastern Pennsylvania Control Centers into action shortly after 2 A. M. on Sept. 30. The centers were fully manned and ready for any eventuality.

The yellow alert remained in effect until 3:23 A. M. when the all-clear was received. The First Fighter Command said the alert was caused by "a flight of unidentified planes later determined to be friendly."

### MOCK AIR RAID

Citizens Defense Corps members got a realistic workout in Westmoreland county during a mock air raid on Sunday, Oct. 3. Hundreds of paper cylinders representing bombs were dropped by planes and handled as incidents by C. D. volunteers.



## FIRE GUARDS MAY TRY PRACTO-BOMBS

Practo-bombs for use in Fire Guard training can be purchased from the Rowland Mfg. Co., Washington, D. C., through Chief Fire Warden Charles E. Clark of the SCD.

Training and recruiting are gaining momentum throughout the State, reports J. C. Lester Bryant, Chief Air Raid Warden, who is in charge. **Pittsburgh** will begin training classes for 3500 Fire Guard recruits this week, and **Erie, Delaware** and **Washington** counties will follow shortly.

Copies of the OCD Fire Guard Handbook are now being distributed by the State Council. Through the work of trained Fire Guards and information that will reach every home, it is hoped to make every week a "Fire Prevention Week."

## NEW APPLICATIONS FOR RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Because of minor changes in requirements for the State Responsibility List, new application blanks are being sent to plants already on the list, Ray F. Riegelmeier, SCD Plant Protection Officer, reported.

New applications are being received in increasing numbers and the total on the State List is expected to reach several hundred within the next month. A Plant Protection Conference is scheduled at **Pottsville** Oct. 26 and 27.

## 4,000 Given Awards

More than 3,000 OCD service bars have been awarded in Pennsylvania during the past month, raising the total to date to 4,024, according to Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg, who is supervising the awards for the SCD.



Members of Warren County's efficient Control Center staff are pictured above on steps of Warren municipal building.

## NO LET UP IN CIV. DEFENSE

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Civilian Defense should be maintained not only until the end of the war but thereafter, and that serious consideration should be given to the retention of Control Centers after the war.

The new blackout policy, announced by the SCD on Oct. 14, was discussed at separate panel meetings of Defense Council chairmen and commanders in the morning, while War Service and Salvage leaders considered their own programs at other panel meetings.

## Plan Mobilizations

The SCD policy, adopted partly as a result of the excellent showing in Pennsylvania's latest blackout, is not to ask the Army for any more public practices until further notice, and to introduce instead a new-type monthly mobilization of the Citizens Defense Corps.

However, it was strongly emphasized that the Army itself will order practice alerts at any time it sees fit.

The first mobilization under the new policy is scheduled for Nov. 15 and every effort will be made to give Defense Corps members and Control Centers an intensive workout, with incidents and inspections.

Questions and answers presented at the general session are being mimeographed by the SCD and will be sent to all Defense Councils. A resolution was adopted by the assemblage calling upon OPA to take action assuring supplemental gasoline for C.D. volunteers in areas where it has been denied.

Dr. Hutchison, in a statement on awards, said he was in favor of OCD service bars but felt that other awards proposed for cities and individuals would lead to jealousies. He said the SCD had not yet decided whether to make recommendations for plant awards.

## SCD Manual Wins National Interest

The new "Household Mechanics" course introduced by the SCD Committee on Consumer Interests has attracted national attention, with the OCD in Washington requesting copies of the manual to send to its regional offices.

The 30-hour course is being offered in regular evening classes conducted by **Philadelphia** and **Pittsburgh** public schools, reported Mrs. Conway Zirkle, committee chairman, and local classes are being organized in many other communities.

Mrs. Zirkle has discussed the consumer program recently before the following groups: Reading Optimist Club, Altoona Y.W.C.A., Lock Haven Exchange Club, Philipsburg Women's Club and Rotary Club, and the Central District, Pennsylvania State Education Association.

In a report by Mrs. D. L. Johnston, its publicity and radio chairman, the Erie Consumer Committee listed a total of 160 consumer broadcasts presented over two local stations in the past 14 months. The broadcasts represented 30 hours, 50 minutes, of radio time.

## CARNEGIE IS PRAISED

Auxiliary Firemen and Police in the **Carnegie** area of Allegheny County have received the official thanks of the Commonwealth for their part in the rescue of six miners who were trapped by a sudden rush of water last July.

Secretary of Mines, Richard Maize commended the volunteers for "excellent work" in a letter to Clarence P. Nixon, Zone Commander.

## CITY HONORS C. D.

"Civilian Defense Day" was observed in **Scranton** on Oct. 8 by proclamation of Mayor Howard J. Snowdon, who called on C. D. members to wear their armbands and insignia. "The local Defense Council has rendered invaluable service," he said. The Army show "Action Overhead" was presented as a special feature.

## MARTIN ASKS BAN ON CARELESS TALK

Pennsylvania's Councils of Defense have been asked by Governor Martin to spearhead the campaign against careless talk.

Speech material on this subject is being prepared by Mrs. Jean D. Doverspike, Director of the SCD Speakers Bureau, for use by Civilian Defense speakers. "Anti-Blab" posters have been distributed by many Councils and more are available through the SCD.

The current drive is a renewal of earlier Civilian Defense efforts. Leaflets on Security of War Information were delivered by block leaders last spring, and speaking campaigns conducted in **Philadelphia** and **Pittsburgh** reached a total audience of 280,000.

## C. D. MEMBERS ASSIST AT PITTSBURGH FIRE

Auxiliary Firemen and Police were credited by **Pittsburgh** fire and police officials with helping to save \$1,000,000 worth of irreplaceable equipment in a six-alarm fire at the F. J. Kress Box Co. this month.

Thirty Auxiliary Firemen assisted regular firemen with the hose and pumps, and many sacrificed their sleep to stay until the blaze was checked. About 25 Auxiliary Police assisted in controlling the crowd. The fire caused \$500,000 damage.

## BATTERIES AVAILABLE

More than 100,000 "over-age" radio batteries have been acquired by the OCD and will be distributed free to War Emergency Radio Service stations, including 312 in Pennsylvania.

The OCD said most of these batteries will give satisfactory service for a considerable period.

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Mr. Howard is now assisting individual companies to put into effect any parts of the plan that fit their conditions.

The program stresses nutrition and health education for workers, pre-placement examinations to determine the jobs for which applicants are best fitted physically and mentally, plant medical care and hygiene, and part-time work for convalescents.

"Each worker in the United States loses on the average about eight days a year because of illness," said Mr. Howard. "If we can cut that loss in half, we will save half a billion work hours per year."